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Dear Parent/Carer,



A super week last week with the children recognising World Diabetes Day and Anti-

Bullying week, wearing blue and odd socks! We cannot guarantee that children will never be bullied either in or out of school, and would be naive to say that bullying does not happen at this school. That is why it is so very important to give children the strategies to help them keep safe in their interactions in person or online. If children do not like what someone is doing or saying, we suggest to them that they put their hand up to stay stop and in a calm voice, say something like, "I don't like what you are saying/doing it is upsetting me, please stop." This can be used in many situations in and out of school and we hope it helps the children. We also tell them to tell an adult if anyone is being unkind. In KS2, if children feel they cannot tell an adult, they can use tootoot, which is our online reporting app.



We had various sporting events last week - Year 4 Active Kids, Year 6 Basketball and a Year 4 Football match - as always the children represented the school brilliantly, well done all!



This Thursday, Friday and next Monday, we have a Book Fair in the

Yellow Hall between 3.20pm and 4.30pm. We hope that this offers parents a cost effective way of buying books, which also gives us some commission to buy books for our library. We hope you can support it.

Have a super week.

**Miss E. Dawson**  
Headteacher



## Attendance

For the week ended 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 there were 4 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Chipmunks who achieved 98.6%. They will be looking after Attendance Ted this week.



We have a number of children who have medical conditions which mean that they have to have time off school for appointments and therefore their data is not included in these figures.

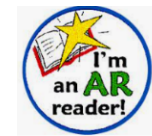
Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	98.6%
Dragonflies	89.6%
Butterflies	90.0%
Rabbits	92.3%
Ladybirds	95.2%
Robins	94.0%
Fireflies	95.2%
Owls	95.7%
Bears	97.0%
Sparrows	95.3%
Ants	95.8%
Bees	97.0%
Kestrels	82.8%
Badgers	98.3%
Squirrels	94.5%
Whole School	94.1%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners  
**CHIPMUNKS**

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for  
2023 - 2024 is:  
**97%**

## KS2 Accelerated Reader



This week:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kestrels - 1,019,240
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bears - 304,042
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Squirrels - 241,124

Overall:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kestrels - 4,372,335
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ants - 3,088,432
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bees - 2,739,513

## Year 6 Parent/Carer Involvement Session

On Wednesday, it was the turn of the Year 6 Parents/Carers to visit their child for the afternoon to participate in an afternoon of Design and Technology. The children were given an instruction leaflet on how to build a prototype van which they then constructed with the help of their adult. Everyone really enjoyed the afternoon and Finley Fitzmaurice (Badgers) and Chase Donovan-Toone (Squirrels) give details of the afternoon below:-

"We had a practice sheet to help us know what the folds would do. On task 2, we found where to put the tabs. After that Miss Wilkinson showed us how to make the van prototype. After she showed us, we got the sheet and cut it out and coloured it in. After that, we put it together and any other detail we wanted to add. My mum made a chocolate fountain for the top. Finally we put them up on the shelf. My mum came in and helped me loads. She helped me do the windows and the awning. It was really fun and I enjoyed it loads. I think my mum probably enjoyed it as she was into it more than me and wanted to finish it off at home!" (Finley Fitzmaurice)

"We started with Mr. Yorston telling parents what we were doing in Design and Technology. Then he told us that we were going to make a little cardboard prototype of either a post van or a normal van. Then we were given a little booklet which had instructions in on how to make the tabs to stick the van together. Then we had some activities in the booklet on what shaped



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boxes would make a cuboid, square based pyramid and cones - all 3D shapes. Then we got our cardboard, cut it out, coloured it in and then stuck it together. We also had the choice to cut out the windows and use plastic. The afternoon was fun especially with all the parents there doing DT altogether and not just our class." (Chace Donovan-Toone)

Chace's mum said "We made a van out of card by folding tabs. We coloured it in and cut out the windows and used clear plastic for them. The afternoon was wonderful and it was a lovely one and a half hours spent with my beautiful daughter."

### Active Kids Festival



On Wednesday, a group of Year 4 children visited The Deanes School to participate in the Active Kids Festival together with other local schools. The children took part in lots of different sporting activities and Elsie Thompson (Sparrows) tells of her experience below:-

"I enjoyed it a lot. We had to do lots of activities which involved running and jumping. We had to make a face with all the objects like hoops, skipping ropes and some tennis balls. Each group had to go against each other. I was in the yellow team. We had to go to a different sport each time the lady blew the whistle. We did football dribbling. There were also lots of red, green, yellow and blue cones and we had a sheet of directions and we had to tell the person where to go. We also had to jump over some barrels and then the teacher said "Next one" and we had to do balancing on one leg for 3 minutes. When they said next again, we had to run to a cone and touch it and then run back again and the next person went. Then we had to jump over a line back and forth. Then we had to do skipping. I think I enjoyed the football dribbling the most because I'm not good at football but I enjoy dribbling. I had a lovely time."

### World Diabetes Day - Wear Blue



On Tuesday, the children wore something blue to support World Diabetes Day. We would like to thank everyone who supported this event. £408.64 was raised for this worthwhile cause and will be donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

### EYFS Sponsored Number Hunt



For their first Parent/Carer Involvement session, the EYFS children had a

sponsored Number Hunt recently to raise money for the EYFS area. The totals raised were:-

Chipmunks - £876.00

Dragonflies - £528.60

Thank you to everyone who supported this event. With a magnificent total of **£1,404.60** the EYFS staff will be able to buy some lovely new resources for the children.

### Southend Performing Arts Festival - Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Nellie Gaskin (Owls) who won gold and overall winner of the age 7 verse speaking at the Southend Performing Arts Festival. Nellie describes her experience below:-

"My teacher at Junior Masters Performing Arts, Miss Wendy Headford, entered me for the Southend Performing Arts Festival. I was with some of my friends and I didn't think I would win anything as they were so good. So I was really surprised to win the gold, then I was even more surprised when my dance teacher called my mum the next day to say I won overall and, as well as a gold, I also won the Gresham Cup."

Well done Nellie, you should be very proud of your achievement.



### Photo Call for the NHS Mid and South Essex 'Do your Bit' Campaign

As you may or may not be aware from a previous newsletter, Esmae Emin-Wyatt won a competition for designing a poster explaining how people can 'do their bit' this winter to look after themselves and others by getting a flu or COVID-19 vaccine, washing their hands or checking in on their





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neighbours regularly. On Tuesday, Esmae was invited to a photo call where she saw her poster blown up as a bus advertisement that will travel on routes between Basildon and Southend. Such an amazing experience for Esmae to see her poster actually on the back of a bus! Well done Esmae - we are sure your message will reach lots of people and help them to keep healthy and safe this winter.



## SCARF At Home

In Personal, Social, Health and Economics (PSHE) our whole school theme this half term is 'Valuing Difference'. We're thinking about the things that make us the same as each other and what makes us different from others in our lives and our community. We're also thinking about kindness and how it can help everyone. If you would like to continue these conversations at home please visit the SCARF At Home Page.

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/scarf/home-learning-unit-2#:~:text=With%20SCARF%2C%20children%20learn%20the,our%20lives%20and%20our%20community.>

## Stars of the Week

- Year 6:- Mason Hills
- Year 5:- Liam Seymour
- Year 4:- Skylar Angerstein
- Year 3:- Eva-Mei Redmond
- EYFS:- Mason Buckley



## Playground Stars of the Week

Etta-Mae Duke, Hollie Tinsley, Olivia Cable, Alisia Pjetra and Thalia Churchman

## House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Blue Dolphins	4,994
Green Dragons	4,234
Red Arrows	2,631
Golden Eagles	1,975



Well done Blue Dolphins!

## eSchools App

We kindly ask that you to download the eSchools and eSchools Lite apps (free of charge), in order that any messages we send you are not charged to the school and you will be able to access the calendar, newsletter and website easily.



## Twitter

Please keep checking our Twitter feed for various updates/messages:-

@Thundersley\_P\_S

## Early Birds Breakfast Club & Treetops After School Club

We offer a Breakfast Club called Early Birds (7.45am to the start of school) and an After School Club called Treetops (3.15pm to 6.00pm) each day. If you are interested in a place for your child and would like more information, please speak to Mrs. Hayward in the main School Office.

## Uniform Shops

We would like to advise that we now have two uniform shops as follows:-

Penn UK,  
15-17 Kents Hill Road,  
South Kentfleet,  
Essex, SS7 5PN.

Telephone:- 01268 751724

[www.pennuk.com](http://www.pennuk.com)

Danielle's Uniform,  
Claydons Lane,  
Rayleigh,  
Essex, SS6 7UP.  
Telephone 01268 967542

[www.daniellesshop.co.uk](http://www.daniellesshop.co.uk)

## PTA

### Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA will be on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7pm in the White Hart. All are welcome.

## Adventure Island & Adventure Island Inside Tickets



Please note that Lords' Barbers in Thundersley Village are selling the following tickets on our behalf:-

Adventure Island - £17.00

## School Calendar - Dates

<https://www.thundersleyprimary.co.uk/web/home/86964>

or eSchools app Lite





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## Community News

### The Noise Arts Festival Pantomime - Cinderella - 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Essex Fire Museum Open Days

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Future Term Dates

21/12/23 to 03/01/24 - Christmas Break  
04/01/24 - Start of the Spring Term  
19/02/24 to 23/02/24 - Half Term  
29/03/24 to 12/04/24 - Easter Break  
15/04/24 - Start of the Summer Term  
06/05/24 - Bank Holiday  
27/05/24 to 31/05/24 - Whitsun Break  
19/07/24 - Last day of Term

### **\*\*\*\*NON PUPIL DAYS\*\*\*\***

20/11/23  
26/2/24  
22/7/24  
23/7/24

